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<b>For:</b> Systems and Methods For Performing Simultaneous Ablation	)	

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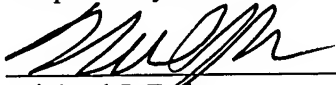
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response After Final (3 pages) to Office Action, mailed April 6, 2005, for the above-identified application.

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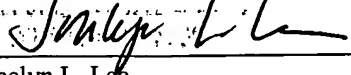
  
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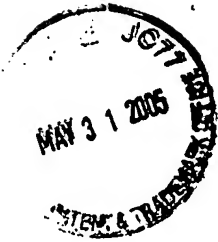
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Dear Sir:

This letter is responsive to the Final Office Action, dated April 6, 2005. Claims 1-20 remain pending in this application, all of which stand rejected. Based on the following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

**Claim Rejections-35 U.S.C. §102**

Claims 1-7 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,071,028 ("Perkins"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection, since Perkins does not disclose each and every element required by these claims.

In particular, independent claim 1 requires at least two features not found in Perkins. First, claim 1 requires the first and second ablation devices to each comprise a plurality of electrodes.